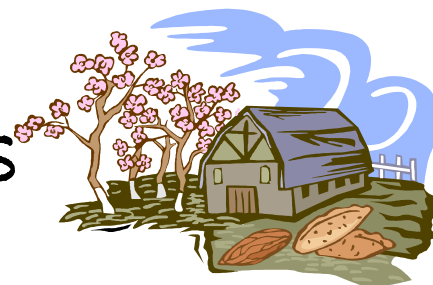




# CHASE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

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United States Dept. of Agriculture Chase County Farm Service Agency 219 Broadway , PO Box 40 Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845 Phone 620-273-6432 FAX 273-6403	<b>County Committee Members</b> John Soyez, Chairperson Gary Peterson, Vice-Chairperson Don ImMasche, Member Marian Jones, Advisor	<b>County Office Staff</b> Alan Schamberger, CED Jane Dicke, PT Carol Cahoon, PT
The Chase County FSA Committee meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the USDA Service Center 219 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas		

## **LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS(LDP)**

Page 1 of form CCC-633 EZ must be filed in our office before you sell or lose beneficial interest in your crops. Most of you took care of this when you signed up in the DCP program or when you reported your acres. If you are not sure of this, just give us a call before your crop is sold.

Page 2 of form CCC-633 EZ needs to be filed to request payment for your LDP. This can be done anytime during the loan availability period.

Prices have gone down enough that we have had LDPs posted on corn, milo and soybeans in recent weeks, so be sure to check with us or obtain daily LDP rates at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd).

## **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)**

Continuous CRP is an ongoing signup for high priority areas. One practice, CP-33-Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, allows a 30 to 120 foot strip around entire fields to provide food and cover for quail and other species. Kansas is limited on these acres but still has some acres remaining. Other practices include filter strips waterways, contour grass strips and wetland restoration.

CRP maintenance is your responsibility and is randomly spot-checked by our office. Be sure to follow plan developed with NRCS and notify them when maintenance measures are performed, such as burning, spraying or mowing. If you think you have a problem with noxious weeds, contact Steve Griffin, County Weed Supervisor. Non noxious weeds also need to be controlled to prevent crowding of grass stand.

## **LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION**

Premise registration is the first step toward a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) that will allow tracking of animals for health and marketing reasons. We will assist you with premise registration in our office or you may register on-line at: <http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/NAIS/index.jsp?state=ks>.

## **CHANGES IN FARMING OPERATION**

Producers are reminded to report changes in their farming operation as soon as possible in order for payments to be timely and accurately issued.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Ballots for the county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2 on November 3. December 4 will be the last day to return ballots to the FSA office. Gary Peterson has served the maximum allowable of three consecutive three year terms and deserves thanks and respect from Chase County producers and the FSA staff.

## FSA FARM LOANS

The Farm Service Agency makes both direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private credit from a bank, Farm Credit, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed and supplies. If you are having trouble getting commercial credit, check with the county office staff about eligibility, as well as maximum loan amounts, rates, terms and user of proceeds. The present operating rate for August is 5.5%. Each year a portion of the funding FSA receives for loan programs is specifically targeted for socially disadvantaged persons and beginning farmers.

To qualify for a FSA loan, applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, a set amount of experience operating or managing a farm or ranch and be able to obtain credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms.

Additionally, youth loans are available for individuals between 10 and 20 years old, live in a town of less than 10,000 and be unable to obtain a loan from other sources. Loan proceeds may be used to buy livestock, equipment, and supplies, buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment, and pay operating expenses for running the project.



The Chase County FSA Office will be closed on **September 4** for Labor Day and **October 9** for Columbus Day.

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